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a Roman or Italian Pope ; to which Bartolommeo replied that they should not make any such supplication to the cardinals, but leave them to make their election freely, and, for his part, he believed that the cardinals would do well: " Then this witness and his companions were not well contented with his answer, and told him that they would seek another who would act more according to their wishes." ¹

Another prudent voice raised at these meetings was that of Fra Bonaventura Badoara of Padua, who had been elected general of the Augustinian hermits in the preceding year. It did not matter to the Romans, he said, that the Pope should be a Roman or an Italian, but only that he should remain upon Italian soil. They should content themselves with whatever Pope might be elected, whatever his origin ; but, when once elected, they could supplicate his Holiness to take up his residence in Rome. Above all, he added, " let me urge you to do nothing, not even by signs, that can be taken as violence or pressure. For by these things the election can be rendered void." ²

It is clear that there was no feeling of antagonism towards the Archbishop of Bari in the Sacred College. They regarded him as an experienced, eloquent and devout, and (as a subject of the Queen of Naples) politically neutral prelate; from his long residence in Avignon, the French looked upon him as almost one of themselves. Alfonso da Vadaterra had praised him highly to the Cardinal of Aragon, who, from personal knowledge of his qualities, regarded him as a suitable candidate for the papacy—but their testimonies differ on one important particular. The hermit-bishop's version is that Pedro de Luna told him that he had resolved to give his vote to the Archbishop of Bari, because the dissensions between the French and the Limousin factions made it impossible to elect an ultramontane member of the Sacred College. The Cardinal himself declares that he only

¹ Testimony of Nardo, *Archivio Vaticano*, LIV. 37, f. 142. I find the full name of this personage, *Nan/us Georgii aRter dictw Lufus*, in an undated brief of Urban VI, *Cod. Vat. Lat.* 6330, f. 277.

² Baluze, I. coll. 1240, 1241.